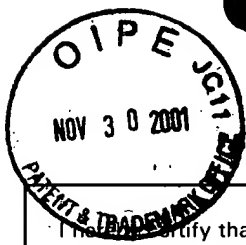


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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed

herewith and Applicant requests that the Examiner consider the cited references and make an independent evaluation of their materiality. Applicant has also enclosed a copy of the foreign search report listing these references. It is noted that U.S. Patent Nos. 4,995,857 and 5,948,006 have already been cited in this application. Therefore, copies have not been included with this statement.

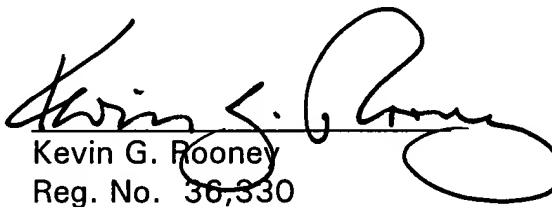
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Applicant does not believe that any fees are due in connection with this submission. However, if such petition is due or any fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to deposit account 23-3000.

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